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**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION**

Sir:

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for his courtesy in extending a telephone interview to applicants attorney, Richard I. Samuel, Esq., in connection with the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 251 and the issue associated therewith under 37 CFR 3.73. As applicant's attorney explained an assignment completing the chain of title was filed with the application together with a form for recordation in the patent office. As the examiner acknowledge this would have satisfied the requirements upon which this rejection was based. The Examiner searched his files and these papers were not in the file history.

Subsequent to the telephone interview applicant searched the record of the United States Patent and Trademark office on the website [www.USPTO.gov](http://www.USPTO.gov) under patent assignment and determined the assignment in question was recorded twice prior to the filing of the application. A copy of the patent assignment abstract of title is attached hereto. The assignment was first recorded on October 6, 2003 at Reel 014546 Frame 0694. The second recordation was afforded Reel 014709 and Frame 0216 and was done on November 10, 2003 one day prior to the filing of the instant application. In all likelihood this is the one submitted with the application. In light of the above the rejection of claims 3 – 14 under 35 USC 251 is respectfully requested.

The withdrawal of the rejection of claims 7 and 12 – 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Rupel '257 is respectfully rejected.

Claim 7 requires that the first and second pull cords be connected to the section therebetween. In the instant application the section therebetween is a well defined portion of the shade while in Rupel '257 there is no well defined section therebetween.

By having this structure applicant shade can be manipulated at the bottom to provide the fan shape without raising the top portion of the shade.

In Rupel because the side pull cords are not connected to a section therebetween the shade is lifted uniformly so that one can not fan the bottom of shade without the lifting the entire shade as well.

In fact in Rupel there is no defined section therebetween as Examiner asserts because the side pull cords while engaging all of the sections of the shade all the time do not specifically engage (are not connected) to any dividing section of the shade and the portion that looks like applicants section there between is a different portion of the shade at each stage that the shade is raised.

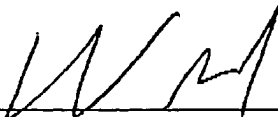
#### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing response, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and accordingly, allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place the case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees, including any extension and/or excess claim fees, any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 06-0923. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

Respectfully submitted for Applicant,

  
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